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5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:					
6.		Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.					
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8. Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

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